



**Total Community Action, Inc**  
**New Orleans, LA**

<b>Project Title</b>	Total Community Action IDA Program
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<b>Grant Amount</b>	\$300,000
<b>Nonfederal Support</b>	\$300,000
<b>Project Period</b>	September 2004 – September 2009
<b>Highlights</b>	<p>The Total Community Action IDA Program will expand its existing AFI-supported project to offer 115 additional IDAs using an employer-based approach. Employers interested in participating will submit business plans and make a minimum three-year commitment of funding. Eligible workers at the selected employers may then choose to participate in the program by completing financial education and asset-specific training and making regular contributions to their IDAs. The program offers a match rate of \$2 for every \$1 participants save, up to a maximum savings of \$1,500. Participants may use their IDA funds to pay expenses related to post-secondary education, business capitalization, or homeownership.</p>
<b>Target Population</b>	<p>Low-income individuals in New Orleans, Louisiana, with a priority on employees of selected private sector partners and households with children.</p>
<b>Grantee/Collaborative Description</b>	<p>Total Community Action, Inc. (TCA) is a nonprofit community-based agency dedicated to serving the needs of New Orleans' disadvantaged citizens. Founded in 1964, TCA has worked with families, businesses, faith-based organizations and community-based organizations to eradicate the social and economic conditions that perpetuate poverty and its ancillary social ills.</p> <p>TCA is the management lead for this IDA program with assistance from TCA Federal Credit Union, City of New Orleans-Division of Housing and Neighborhood Development, the Neighborhood Development Foundation, Neighborhood Housing Services, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, the Educational Opportunity Center, Louisiana local elected State delegation, and NewCorps Business Assistance Center.</p>